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SUBJECT: BISHOP SMALLWOOD WILLIAMS TO VISIT WEST AFRICA

1. WALTER E. FAUNTROY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DELEGATE IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, INFORMED DEPARTMENT OF VISIT TO LIBERIA, IVORY COAST AND SENEGAL BY BISHOP SMALLWOOD E. WILLIAMS PRESIDING BISHOP OF BIBLE WAY CHURCH, AND PARTY OF ABOUT 50. WILLIAMS PARTY WILL BE IN MONROVIA APRIL 23-29, AT DUCOR INTERNATIONAL HOTEL. WILLIAMS WILL DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL IN MONROVIA. PARTY WILL STAY AT IVOIRE HOTEL IN ABIDJAN APRIL 30 - MAY 3, AND AT NIGOR HOTEL IN DAKAR MAY 5-8.

2. WILLIAMS IS MAJOR FORCE IN ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION OF INNERCITY WASHINGTON. HE LED FIRST SIT-IN DEMONSTRATION RIGHTS STRUGGLE FOR NEARLY 50 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO SER-
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VICE WITH NAACP AND AS FOUNDER AND CO-CHAIRMAN OF INTER-RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS, WILLIAMS ALSO SERVED AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON CHAPTER OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE.

3. FAUNTROY REQUESTS EMBASSIES PROVIDE FACILITATIVE SERVICES TO VISITING DIGNITARY AND PARTY. KISSINGER

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